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§5–705.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, there shall be a multidisciplinary and multiagency child fatality review team in each county.

(2) Instead of a local team in each county, two or more counties may agree to establish a single multicounty local team.

(3) A multicounty local team shall execute a memorandum of understanding on membership, staffing, and operation.

(b) The local team membership shall be drawn from the following individuals, organizations, agencies, and areas of expertise, when available:

(1) The county health officer;

(2) The director of the local department of social services;

(3) The State's Attorney;

(4) The superintendent of schools;

(5) A State, county, or municipal law enforcement officer;

(6) The director of the county substance abuse treatment program;

(7) The chief attorney who represents the local department of social services in child welfare proceedings;

(8) The Early Childhood Development Division in the State Department of Education;

(9) The director of the county mental health agency or core service agency;

(10) A pediatrician with experience in diagnosing and treating injuries and child abuse and neglect, appointed by the county health officer;

(11) A psychiatrist or psychologist with experience in child abuse and neglect or child injury, appointed by the director of the county mental health agency, core service agency, or local behavioral health authority;

(12) A member of the general public with interest or expertise in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect, appointed by the county health officer; and

(13) Any other individual necessary to the work of the local team, recommended by the local team and appointed by the county health officer.

(c) The members described under subsection (b)(1) through (9) of this section may designate representatives from their departments or offices to represent them on the local team.

(d) From among its members, each local team shall elect a chairperson by majority vote.

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